

Please add the following new claims:

--7. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is chlorogenic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

8. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is ferulic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

9. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is caffeic acid or an ester or salt thereof.

10. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (A) is an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, or an ester or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a carboxylic acid.

12. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a hydroxycarboxylic acid.

13. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a polycarboxylic acid.

14. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a ketocarboxylic acid.

02 15. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, lactic acid, citric acid, gluconic acid, fumaric acid, α -ketoglutaric acid, succinic acid, glycolic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, pyruvic acid, and malonic acid.

16. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a vinegar.

17. (New) The method of Claim 6, wherein (B) is a fruit juice or fruit extract.

18. (New) A method for treating hypertension comprising:

administering a composition comprising:

(A) a compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, and esters and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; and

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(B) a component selected from the group consisting of a central nervous system stimulating component, food fiber, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Camellia*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Theaceae*, extract of perennial evergreen leaves of the genus *Eucommia ulmoides* Oliver, *Eucommiae*, and a sugar alcohol.--

REMARKS

Claims 6-18 are pending. Claim 6 has been editorially amended and for simplicity component B is now directed to elected species B: an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300. New Claims 7-9 find support in original Claim 6. New Claims 10-17 find support in the specification at pages 12 and 13. New Claim 18 finds support in original Claim 6. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe any new matter has been introduced.

The Applicants thank Examiner Coe for the courteous and helpful interview of April 8, 2002. The Examiner suggested that the anticipation rejection be addressed by submission of a certified translation of at least one of the priority documents. Applicants herewith attach such a certified translation. It was also suggested that experimental data be provided showing the superior antihypertensive properties provided by the combination of chlorogenic acid and an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300. Applicants provide herewith a Declaration showing the superior properties of this combination (the elected species) as well as those of a nonelected species of composition comprising caffeic acid. Accordingly, favorable consideration is now requested.